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[on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/630)]

51/209. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it established the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, and its relevant resolutions adopted at subsequent sessions,

Recalling also its resolution 47/233 of 17 August 1993 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly,

Recalling further its resolution 47/62 of 11 December 1992 on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council,

Bearing in mind the provisions of its resolution 50/55 of 11 December 1995,

Conscious of the ongoing discussion in the open-ended working groups of the General Assembly dealing with the various aspects of the revitalization, strengthening and reform of the work of the United Nations,

Taking note of the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council[1] and the

[1] A/50/47 and Corr.1 and Add.1; see Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 47.

report of the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System,[2]

Bearing in mind the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh,[3] thirty-ninth,[4] fortieth,[5] forty-first,[6] forty-second,[7] forty-third,[8] forty-fourth,[9] forty-fifth,[10] forty-sixth,[11] forty-seventh,[12] forty-eighth,[13] forty-ninth,[14] fiftieth[15] and fifty-first[16] sessions, as well as the views and comments expressed on them by Member States,

Recalling the elements relevant to the work of the Special Committee contained in its resolution 47/120 B of 20 September 1993,

Recalling also the provisions of its resolution 50/51 of 11 December 1995 on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with resolution 50/51,[17]

Mindful of the desirability for the Special Committee to carry out further work in the fields of the maintenance of international peace and security and the peaceful settlement of disputes between States,

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[2] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/50/24).

[3] Ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/37/1).

[4] Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/39/1).

[5] Ibid., Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/40/1).

[6] Ibid., Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/41/1).

[7] Ibid., Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/42/1).

[8] Ibid., Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/43/1).

[9] Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/44/1).

[10] Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/45/1).

[11] Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/46/1).

[12] Ibid., Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/47/1).

[13] Ibid., Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/48/1).

[14] Ibid., Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/49/1).

[15] Ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/50/1).

[16] Ibid., Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/51/1).

[17] A/51/317.

Recalling its resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the work of its session held in 1996,[18]

1. Takes note of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization;[18]

2. Decides that the Special Committee will hold its next session from 27 January to 7 February 1997;

3. Requests the Special Committee, at its session in 1997, in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 50/52:

(a) To accord appropriate time for the consideration of all proposals concerning the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations and, in this context, to consider other proposals relating to the maintenance of international peace and security already submitted or which may be submitted to the Special Committee at its session in 1997, including the revised proposal on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security,[19] the revised working paper on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security and strengthening of the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness,[20] and the working paper on the draft declaration on the basic principles and criteria for the work of the United Nations peacekeeping missions and mechanisms for the prevention and settlement of crises and conflicts;[21]

(b) To continue to consider on a priority basis the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter, taking into consideration the reports of the Secretary-General,[22] the proposals submitted on this subject, the debate on this question which took place in the Sixth Committee at the fifty-first session of the General Assembly and the debate in the sub-group on sanctions of the Open-ended Working Group on an Agenda for Peace during the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, and also the implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 50/51 and 51/208;

(c) To continue its work on the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States and, in this context, to continue its consideration of proposals relating to the peaceful settlement of disputes between States,

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[18] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/51/33).

[19] Ibid., para. 56.

[20] Ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/50/33), para. 47.

[21] Ibid., Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/51/33), para. 128.

[22] A/48/573-S/26705 (see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993), A/49/356, A/50/60-S/1995/1 (see Official Records of the Security Council, Fiftieth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1995), A/50/423, A/50/361 and A/51/317.

including the proposal on the establishment of a dispute settlement service offering or responding with its services early in disputes and those proposals relating to the enhancement of the role of the International Court of Justice;

(d) To continue to consider proposals concerning the Trusteeship Council in the light of the report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with resolution 50/55[23] and the views expressed by the States on this subject during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed and the practical suggestions made during the debate held within the framework of the Sixth Committee,[24] to expedite the preparation and publication of the supplements to the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council and the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and to submit a progress report on the matter to the General Assembly before its fifty-second session;

5. Invites the Special Committee at its session in 1997 to continue to identify new subjects for consideration in its future work with a view to contributing to the revitalization of the work of the United Nations, to discuss how to offer its assistance to the working groups of the General Assembly in this field and, in this regard, to consider ways and means of improving coordination between the Special Committee and other working groups dealing with the reform of the Organization, including the role of the Chairperson of the Special Committee for this purpose;

6. Requests the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at the fifty-second session;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization".

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[23] A/50/1011.

[24] See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Sixth Committee, 5th meeting (A/C.6/51/SR.5), and corrigendum.